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APPLICANT : Quinton Zondervan CONFIRMATION No.: 5720
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/481,512 EXAMINER : V. Brown
FILING DATE : January 12, 2000 ART UNIT : 2635
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORMATTING AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to an Office Action mailed February 4, 2003 (Paper No. 9).
Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are
required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying
this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent
abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net
addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.
50-0311 (Ref. No. 23452-088).

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